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**Headline:** Education and school quality top list of concerns for parents, survey finds

**Sub Headline:** Worries around COVID-19 were also listed

**Short headline:** Education ~~and~~ school quality top list of concerns for parents, ~~survey finds~~

**Abstract:** The results come from the annual Vanderbilt Child Health Poll, which surveys parents across the state.

**Dateline:** NASHVILLE, Tenn. ~~(WTVF)~~

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**Edited Article:**

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In East Tennessee, drug and alcohol abuse made the ~~Top 5~~ ~~top five~~.

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